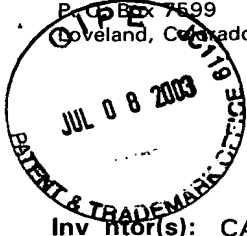


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Titl : METHOD OF PERFORMING ARRAY-BASED HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS USING THERMAL
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

() Previously submitted:

() Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

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() Other _____.

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() Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	Attorney Docket Number	10981712-2
	Filing Date	March 26, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Caren
	Examiner	Siew, J.
	Group Art	1637
	Title	Method of Performing Array-Based Hybridization Assays Using Thermal Inkjet Deposition of Sample Fluids

Sir:

In response to the FINAL REJECTION dated April 9, 2003, please enter the following amendments: